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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: KING HUSSEIN'S ALLEGED WILLINGNESS AGREE TO
MORE THAN MINOR BORDER RECTIFICATIONS ON WEST BANK

1. DUTCH AMBASSADOR VAN BARNEVELD KOORY CALLED ON ME TODAY FOR BRIEFING ON AREA SITUATION IN LIGHT OF YOUR RECENT VISIT AND SADAT'S READINESS TO PARTICIPATE IN CAMP DAVID TRIPARTITE SUMMIT. I BRIEFED HIM IN VERY GENERAL TERMS.
2. IN COURSE OF TALK, VAN BARNEVELD KOORY RELATED THAT HE HAD RECENTLY HAD A CHAT WITH JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR HINDAWI. THE LATTER HAD INDICATED UNDERSTANDING OF ISRAELI SECURITY PROBLEM IN WEST BANK AND HAD ASSERTED SOME TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE WILL BE NECESSARY. ASKED WHETHER HE WAS REFERRING TO MINOR RECTIFICATIONS, HINDAWI REPORTEDLY STATED THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH FOR ISRAEL'S SECURITY. NOTING THE NARROW WAIST OF ISRAEL, HINDAWI HAD SPOKEN OF A 12 TO 15 KM TERRITORIAL RECTIFICATION IN WEST BANK. AS DUTCH AMBASSADOR UNDERSTOOD IT,

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HINDAWI'S COMMENT COVERED ENTIRE LENGTH OF WEST BANK. HINDAWI TOLD DUTCH AMBASSADOR THAT THIS WAS JORDANIAN POSITION AND THAT SADAT KNEW ABOUT IT FROM TALKS AND EXCHANGES WITH KING HUSSEIN.

3. COMMENT: DUTCH AMBASSADOR, WHILE NOT INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN ME PEACE AFFAIRS, IS A CLOSE AND ACCURATE

POLITICAL OBSERVER. I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT HE WAS ACCURATELY QUOTING HINDAWI. AT SAME TIME, I SHOULD NOTE THAT IN MY TALKS WITH HINDAWI, HE HAS ALWAYS INSISTED THAT ANY WEST BANK BORDER RECTIFICATIONS SHOULD BE MINOR WITHOUT EVER SPELLING OUT WHAT THAT MIGHT MEAN. NOR HAVE EGYPTIANS EVER GIVEN ME ANY INDICATION OF ALLEGED HUSSEIN WILLINGNESS AGREE TO MORE THAN MINOR WEST BANK BORDER RECTIFICATIONS. ON THE CONTRARY, MOHAMED KAMEL CONTINUES TO INSIST THAT ANY WEST BANK RECTIFICATIONS MUST BE MINOR IN NATURE. AS YOU KNOW, KAMEL RECENTLY MET WITH HUSSEIN IN AMMAN AND SUBSEQUENTLY REITERATED TO ME THAT MINOR RECTIFICATIONS REMAINS THE KING'S POSITION. CONCEIVABLY HINDAWI'S COMMENTS MAY REPRESENT PERSONAL VIEW, BUT DUTCH AMBASSADOR GAINED IMPRESSION THEY REFLECTED OFFICIAL GOJ POSITION.

4. YOU MAY KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS FROM SADAT OR KING HUSSEIN THAN I DO, BUT I FOUND THE DUTCH AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT OF SUFFICIENT INTEREST THAT I WANTED TO PASS IT TO YOU WITHOUT DELAY. EILTS

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